issue with the National level organizations like University Grants Commission, All India Council of Technical Education, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

Report of Minorities Panel

3770. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a Minorities Panel headed by Dr. Gopal Singh;

(b) whether the panel has submitted its report to Government;

(c) the recommendations and the manner in which Government propose to proceed in the matter; and

(d) whether Government are going to place the Status Report on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) A High Power Panel on Minorities, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Weaker Sections was appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs in May, 1980. The Panel, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gopal Singh, submitted its Report on Minorities on 14th June, 1983. The Report contained 167 recommendations.

The Government, after considering the recommendations, had indicated its stand on the recommendations in the statement laid alongwith the report in both Houses of Parliament in August, 1990.

Non-implementation of Wakf Act, 1995 by State Governments

3771. SHRI MOHD. AZAM KHAN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether most of the State Governments have not implemented the Wakf Act, 1995, so far;

(b) if so, the names of the defaulting States/Union Territories;

(c) the action taken by her Ministry for implementation of the Wakf Act, 1995, throughout the country; and

(d) the results of these efforts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) The States/Union Territories of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Oriissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, NCT of Delhi, Lakshadweep and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have constituted State Wakf Boards under the provisions of the Wakf Act, 1995 and are taking action as per provisions of the Act. The Central Government has been pursuing the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for implementation of the Wakf Act. The matter was discussed in the meeting of State Secretaries-in-charge of Minorities' Welfare, Collectors of 41 Minority Concentration Districts and the Chief Executive Officers of the State Wakf Boards held on February 27, 2001 and later in the conference of the State Secretaries-in-charge of Social Welfare held on May 24-25, 2001.

National Programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled in Rajasthan and Orissa

3772. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Governments of Rajasthan and Orissa have initiated the National Programme for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in various districts of Rajasthan and Orissa;

(b) if so, the districts selected in these States for the implementation of this programme;

(c) the amount released by Government during the years 2000-2001, and under this programme 2001-2002;

(d) the names of the districts proposed to be included in this programme during 2001-2002; and

(e) the percentage of disabled persons provided jobs in Government Departments during 2000-2001, till date, State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

The districts selected under this scheme in Orissa are Khurda, Mayurbhanj